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GOVERNMENT GETS AIRPORT PROPOSAL

Chest Fund Now At 82 Per Cent

The latest figure of \$15,113—representing 82 per cent of the Torrance Community Chest goal—was reported by City Chairman Ella Schwartz late Tuesday afternoon.

Making a strong bid for the lead, members of the commerce and industry division came up with \$1155 during the past week, to push their quota to the 75 per cent mark.

Whoops!

Pal Flags Down Police Car; Nab Prison Escapee

An escaped convict who told inmates he wanted "to get out to kill his wife" was picked up in a Pacific Coast Hwy. motel Tuesday, unarmed and without resistance.

Police were led to the suspect's hiding place by a young acquaintance who flagged down a police car by mistake after his own auto conked out in San Pedro minutes after leaving the motel.

Clarence E. Northam, 39, of Fresno, was charged with escape from a San Bernardino Road Camp and suspicion of auto theft. He had fled the camp after telling inmates he wanted to "get his wife." She resides with her 4-year-old child in Pasadena.

Police said Ray Wilson Short, 19, of Venice, earlier had been drinking with Northam in a Torrance bar. They swiped an auto, police said, and went to Lomita. Northam went to bed and Short took off for San Pedro where his machine broke down.

A passing motorist—a police officer—stopped to render aid and took Short into custody. He led them to Northam.

Young Fire Victim Now 'Doing Well'

Condition of tiny Carol Howard, critically burned when she ignited her dress while attending her sister's birthday party, was listed as "doing well," by physicians, late yesterday.

The 2½-year-old girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Howard of 1811 Middlebrook Rd., was transferred to Children's Hospital this week; she previously had been treated at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Carol climbed atop her high chair, Saturday, obtained a box of safety matches, and while attempting to light a backyard incinerator, caught her dress afire. Her mother, hearing the screams, rushed to the girl, and smothered the flames.

A birthday party for Carol's older sister, Kay, was taking place inside the house.

Hours for Trash Fires Unchanged

Despite rumors to the contrary, burning hours within the City Limits of Torrance remain 6 to 10 a.m., Fire Chief J. J. Benner reminded yesterday.

Only people living in the Shoreline Strip area, and soon, those raised County areas are permitted in Lomita and other unincorporated to burn in incinerators during the afternoon hours.

A County law goes into effect Dec. 4 establishing burning hours in County areas as 4 to 7 p.m. This is the same as Los Angeles City areas.

A breakdown of total campaign returns to date from Torrance follows:

Residential—\$9,788, 86 per cent of \$11,373 quota; Ella Schwartz, chairman.

Commerce and Industry—\$5,184, 75 per cent of \$7,007 quota; Sam Levy and Warren Hamilton, co-chairmen.

Taking the spotlight in the over-all Harbor Area Chest campaign this week was Harbor City and Lomita with a 101 per cent quota report. Other quota standings reported by Chairman Tommy Thompson are as follows: Rolling Hills, 117 per cent; Palos Verdes, 90; Wilmington, 83; and San Pedro, 53.

Goal Needed

Asserting that the fulfillment of all-established goals is of paramount importance in assuring the continued operation of the Chest's health and welfare services on an adequate basis for the next year, Thompson stated that another \$26,183 must be raised before the area's over-all \$55,000 goal is reached.

"Our goal is small," he said, "compared to approximately \$250,000 allocated by the Chest to agencies right here in the Harbor last year."

"These agencies," he continued, "are dedicated to the task of alleviating and solving not just one type of community problem, but all community problems. Because their needs this year are greater than ever, their need for our annual help is greater. That's why they ask for your Fair Share support now through the Community Chest."

Emma Arnold, Former Store Owner, Dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma M. Arnold, 81, who operated Arnold's Grocery Store at Carson St. and Crenshaw Blvd. for many years, will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. in Stone and Myers Chapel with the Rev. C. M. Northrup officiating.

Mrs. Arnold died Tuesday. She and her late husband, Cassius Arnold opened the grocery store in 1923. After his death in 1932, she ran the store until 1940. She moved to Culver City, where she has made her home.

A native of Wisconsin, she will be buried in Roosevelt Cemetery. She is survived by three sons, Gordon, of Torrance; Roy, of Palmdale, and Raymond, of Culver City; two daughters, Pearl M. Bowers, of Culver City, and Ada Jeffrey, of Canada; a sister, Mrs. Mathany, of Villas, S. D.; three brothers, Albert, of Des Moines, Ia., Arthur, and Willett, both of Villas S. D.; 13 grandchildren, and 21 great grandchildren.

Help of School District Asked for Crossing Lights

A request by the Torrance Gardens-Plaza Homeowners Assn. for a boulevard stop sign or signal at Fern Ave. and Torrance Blvd. touched off a discussion by city officials this week on how to go about getting the school district to cooperate with the financing of such signals.

Councilman Albert Isen, speaking on the matter when the homeowners' petition was presented to the Council, labeled the project as the beginning of a program in which the school district should participate.

Let Us Bow Our Heads in Thanks



Today, in the spirit of the first Thanksgiving, let us give thanks to the Creator for all the blessings we have received... both as individuals and as Americans... a free people, living without fear in a free country. Like the Pilgrim Fathers, let us humbly acknowledge our debt to Divine Providence for all that we are and may hope to become. Like them, let us bow our heads in a prayer of gratitude to the Giver of "every good and perfect gift."

County Asks New Smog Controls

Intention to adopt anti-smog rules which will further clamp down on the petroleum industry, and obviously offensive fumes from trucks and buses was signified Tuesday by the County Board of Supervisors. Smog Chief Gordon P. Larson was directed to recommend rules to enforce specific recommendations of the Beckman Report which have not yet been contacted.

County officials pointed out that the Beckman Report, prepared by a group of scientists and submitted to Governor Knight, contained specific anti-smog recommendations, many of which have not been put into effect by Larson.

Rules which Larson should propose to the board, supervisors said, should set up definite time schedules to:

1. Prohibit all open skimming ponds, separators, sumps, and sewers associated with the production and refining of petroleum.
2. Prohibit gasoline transfers involving mobile barriers unless satisfactory means are provided for preventing escape of vapors.
3. Require development of equipment to prevent spillage and gasoline losses at filling stations.
4. Curtail, reduce, or relocate air polluting industries, such as refineries.
5. Prohibit the emission of obviously offensive fumes from auto exhausts.
6. Require large motor vehicles, particularly buses and trucks, to use liquefied petroleum gas or other equally satisfactory means for abating noxious exhaust fumes.

Riviera Work Harms Home Council Told

A claim against the city for \$299 for alleged damages to a Hollywood Riviera home during the course of construction in the area was denied by the City Council this week and referred to the city's insurance carrier.

Charging that her property had suffered the damage was Mrs. Norma E. Prie, of 600 Via Monte D'Oro, who told the Councilmen that heavy equipment operating in the street in front of her home had piled dirt on her geraniums, cracked the plaster in her home, and had laid a carpet of dust around the residence.

To make matters worse, Mrs. Prie told the Council, a truck backed into the firehydrant in front of her residence and knocked the standpipe off the ground. Councilman Albert Isen suggested to Mrs. Prie at the meeting that the contractor, not the city, probably was at fault. He advised her that the denial of her claim by the city did not stop her from seeking legal counsel in an effort to fix the liability for the damage to her property.

OPTION BID DELAYED

A proposal for an option of 250 feet of Crenshaw Blvd. frontage on the Torrance Municipal Airport property submitted by Kemp and Albright was referred to the Council's Nov. 30 meeting for discussion and a decision.



HOT HOUSE... A fireman plays a hose line on burning garages at Marcelina and Arlington Aves., yesterday afternoon, after fire from a nearby incinerator spread to the five-car structure. One auto was totally demolished. Thirteen-year-old Richard Hodson, of 2019 W. 231st St., discovered the blaze and turned in the alarm.

Hotel Plans Delayed by City Council

The proposal of Leo Katz to build a 41-unit hotel at 218th St. and Cabrillo received a setback at the hands of the City Council this week when Councilman held the matter over to learn more about the parking space being made available.

Approval of the working man's hotel to be known as the "Pride of Torrance" had been recommended to the Council by the Planning Commission with the condition that the hotel property and a nearby piece of property be cross-deeded to insure adequate parking for hotel tenants.

In the absence of City Attorney James M. Hall, who was in Washington, D. C., the Councilmen delayed a decision on the approval of the proposal until a legal opinion on the cross-deeding could be obtained.

Services for Thanksgiving Announced

- 9:30 a.m. Union Thanksgiving Services of Protestant Churches of Torrance. Rev. Harry Milton Sippel, speaker, with music by First Methodist Choir.
- 10:30 a.m. First Lutheran Church. Rev. Paul Wenske, speaker.
- 10:00 a.m. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Holy Communion service.
- 10:30 a.m. Park View Lutheran Church. Rev. Klav S. Oeschlager, speaker.
- 10:30 a.m. First Church of Christ Scientist.
- 10:12 noon. South Bay Baptist Church. Young people will join with Centinela Division of Christian Endeavor at singfest for Harbor Hospital patients.

Unofficial OK Of Plan Given

Commercial development of the 35-acre triangle of Torrance Municipal Airport was virtually assured this week with the informal approval in Washington, D. C., of the city's request for modification of the deed restrictions on the property.

City Attorney James M. Hall, who returned to his office yesterday after a week in the nation's capital, said he was very optimistic about the chances of full approval of the city's petition to the Civil Aeronautics Commission to relax the restrictions placed on the airport when it was deeded to the city by the federal government following the war.

Formal presentation of the petition to the Secretary of Defense will be made this week, probably tomorrow, Hall said.

Work Started

In the meantime, preliminary work on the petition has been started both by the CAA and by the Department of Defense, Hall reported. He said it was indicated by officials in Washington that all or most of the city's requests would be granted.

Clearing the recapture clauses of the deed—a condition where by the federal government could take back the property in the event of certain national emergencies—would open the way for a proposed commercial development of the 35-acre site at Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy.

The area is now under option to Coldwell-Banker, a huge Southland developer, and that firm's plans call for the construction of a shopping center built around a major department store.

Also under option is the northwest corner of the Crenshaw-Pacific Coast Hwy. intersection. Proposed for this corner is a huge Hody's drive-in restaurant.

Phony Checks Now In Area

Fictitiously printed checks bearing the imprint "National Cash Register Co., Electronics Div.," are believed to be circulating in the Torrance area, Detective Sergeant Percy Bennett said yesterday.

The checks, drawn on the California Bank, Crenshaw and 147th St., branch, are printed on yellow paper, and signed by "J. P. Schneider."

A suspect using the name of Frank Griffin, described as 25 years, 5 ft., 8 in., 150 pounds, has been attempting to cash them, Bennett said.

Any merchant finding such a check should contact the police department.

Lomita Couple Go on Spree; Man Shot at, Pane Smashed

One Lomita man received slight injuries as the result of being shot at, and a woman had the window in her front door broken, as a Lomita couple went on an unexplained spree Tuesday night.

Frank Graper, 65, of 26029 Narbonne Ave., told sheriff's deputies that he answered a knock at his front door about 10 p.m. to find Carl and Ethel Tantow standing on the front porch holding a revolver on him.

Without saying a word, Tantow fired on him, Graper said. Graper dodged, and although the bullet barely missed him, suffered powder burns on the chest. He drove himself to Harbor General Hospital.

Both arrested, and Mrs. Tantow was found to have a three-inch cut on her right wrist, apparently from smashing the window, they said. She was taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment, and was transferred to the prison ward of Los Angeles County Hospital.

Tantow, 57, was taken to the Lennox Sheriff's Station, and booked on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, as was Mrs. Tantow, who is 63.

Graper could advance no reason for the shooting, since he had known the couple only casually, he said.

City May Halt License Refunds

City Councilman Willys G. Blount thinks it's about time the city quit refunding the unused portion of cancelled city business licenses.

It has been the practice of the city to refund on a pro rata basis that portion of a city business license which was not used in the event that the business is closed down.

"I think such new business license would have printed on it, 'This Business License Not Refundable,'" he said.

The matter was referred to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and City Attorney James M. Hall for a recommendation.

Central Fire Station Bids Under Study

Torrance moved a step closer this week to getting its new Central Fire Station when 10 bids ranging from \$198,000 to \$247,000 were received by the City Council and referred to the City Manager for study and a recommendation at the next meeting Tuesday.

Apparent low bidder was R. E. Payne, Inc., of Inglewood, who submitted a basic bid of \$198,400 for the proposed station at Carson and Crenshaw.

Also bid on at the same time were such additions to the basic station as aluminum louvers at the windows, a concrete block wall around the property line and use of vinyl tile and plate glass in the building.

The bids will be checked by Architect Marion J. Varner, City Manager George Stevens, and others and a recommendation made to the City Council.

Mayor Proclaims Week For Salvation Army

The week of Nov. 28 to Dec. 4 has been proclaimed "Salvation Army Week" in Torrance by Mayor Nikolaos O. Drule.

Announcement of the issuance of such a proclamation was made at the meeting of the City Council Tuesday evening.